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1 FURTHER TO EMBASSY BONN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT GERMANY'S OFFER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNHCR RESPONSE TO THE RWANDAN REFUGEE EMERGENCY AND ITS POSSIBLE OVERLAP WITH OUR OWN OFFER (REFTEL), THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD SEVERAL WEEKEND CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS ABOUT OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES THE STATE OF PLA AS OF LATE SATURDAY WASHINGTON TIME.

2 AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE WHO HAD CALLED THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON LAST THURSDAY WITH NEWS OF OUR INITIAL DECISION TO RESPOND TO THE WATER SUPPLY AND ENTEBBE AIRHEAD SERVICE PACKAGES REQUESTED BY UNHCR

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RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE HEAD OF EMERGENCY AID IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOLDERBAUM. HOLDERBAUM ADVISED THAT GERMANY WAS PLEASED

TO HAVE THE U.S. ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTEBBE PACKAGE AS GERMANY WAS PREPARED TO OFFER AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT, BUT NOT ALL OF THE RELATED LOGISTICS AND SCHEDULING CAPACITY. GERMANY DID WANT TO CONTINUE COOPERATING ON THE WATER SECTOR AND REQUESTED U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING SEVENTEEN TRUCK-MOUNTED WATER PURIFICATION UNITS (90,000 LITER CAPACITY EACH -- PRESUMABLY PER DAY) FROM GERMANY TO GOMA ZAIRE. THERE IS A SO ONGOING U.S. MILITARY-TO-GERMAN MILITARY CONTACT ABOUT THIS AIRLIFT.

3. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HOLDERBAUM AND THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW RWANDA MONITORING GROUP INDICATE THAT:  
-- IT IS LIKELY GERMANY WILL REQUEST THE U.S. WILL FLY THE WATER PURIFICATION UNITS ALL OF THE WAY TO GOMA ZAIRE VIA A C-5 AIRCRAFT. (FYI. EARLIER IN THE DAY, WHEN IT HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT GOMA WAS NOT/NOT C-5 CAPABLE, IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT GERMANY WOULD CHARTER AN ILLUSHYN 76 FOR THE NAIROBI - GOMA LEG. END FYI )  
-- THE QUESTION OF REIMBURSEMENT, IF ANY TO THE U.S. FOR THE AIRLIFT TO NAIROBI AND/OR GOMA IS STILL TO BE DECIDED; GERMANY WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO REIMBURSING THE U.S IF NEED BE  
-- GERMANY IS STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER IT CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE TO UNHCR IN MANAGING THE SANITATION SERVICE PACKAGE.

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-- WITH RESPECT TO THE DOMESTIC FUEL PACKAGE THAT GERMANY  
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HAD EARLIER SIGNALLED IT MIGHT TAKE ON -- THE GERMAN  
GOVERNMENT HAS NO EXPERTISE/CAPACITY BEYOND THAT  
AVAILABLE IN NGOS, AND SO IS NOT/NOT COMMITTING TO THAT  
PACKAGE .

4. FYI. GERMANY AND THE U.S. ARE SO FAR THE ONLY TWO  
DONORS TO STEP FORWARD AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
SERVICE PACKAGES SO DESPERATELY NEEDED BY UNHCR.  
AMBASSADORS FROM POTENTIAL DONORS (INCLUDING GERMANY) ARE  
BEING REQUESTED TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON FOR A BRIEFING AND DEMARCHE BY STATE AND AID  
OFFICIALS.

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